

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

COQUI TECHNOLOGIES, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

STARBUCKS CORPORATION,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 2:15-cv-89

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

This is an action for patent infringement in which Coqui Technologies, LLC (“Coqui” or “Plaintiff”) makes the following allegations against Starbucks Corporation (“Starbucks” or “Defendant”):

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Coqui is a Texas limited liability company, having a principal place of business of 3001 S. Hardin Blvd., Ste. 110, McKinney, TX 75070.

2. Defendant Starbucks is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington, with its principal place of business located at 2401 Utah Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98134. Starbucks may be served via its registered agent for service of process: Corporation Service Company, 300 Deschutes Way SW, Ste. 304, Tumwater, WA 98501.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This action arises under the patent laws of the United States, Title 35 of the United States Code. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

4. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(b). On information and belief, Defendant has transacted business in this district, and has committed and/or induced acts of patent infringement in this district.

5. On information and belief, Defendant is subject to this Court's specific and general personal jurisdiction pursuant to due process and/or the Texas Long Arm Statute, due at least to its substantial business in this forum, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein; and (ii) regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct, and/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in Texas and in this Judicial District.

COUNT I
INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,580,864

6. Plaintiff is the owner by assignment of United States Patent No. 7,580,864 ("the '864 Patent") titled "Method for Circulating an Electronic Gift Certificate in Online and Offline System." The '864 Patent issued on August 25, 2009. A true and correct copy of the '864 Patent is attached as Exhibit A.

7. Upon information and belief, Defendant has been and is now infringing the '864 Patent in the State of Texas, in this judicial district, and elsewhere in the United States, by, among other things, directly or through intermediaries, making, using, importing, providing, supplying, distributing, selling, and/or offering for sale apparatuses and systems (including, without limitation, Starbucks eGift Card and/or Card eGifts) that is a gift certificate service system for managing sales, gifting, and usage of electronic gift certificates according to a request by a user's communication terminal through a wired network, wireless network, or both, comprising: a gift certificate service server for managing purchase, gifting, and usage operations on the electronic gift certificates from the communication terminal; a gift certificate database,

accessed by the gift certificate service server, for storing electronic gift certificate information prior to transferring the gift certificate to a transferee, and processing a reply to an inquiry of electronic gift certificate usage from the gift certificate service server; and a network server, accessed by the gift certificate service server and accessed by the user's communication terminal through the wired network, wireless network, or both, for performing a client interface function with the purchase, gifting, and usage of the electronic gift certificates, and transmitting the user's gift certificate purchase particulars and gift certificate information for usage of the corresponding gift certificate to the communication terminal, wherein the electronic gift certificate is a multimedia message including barcode data, wherein the network server is responsive to use of the electronic gift certificate occasioned by displaying the barcode data on the communication terminal, and wherein the electronic gift certificate information stored by the gift certificate database includes at least one of a gifting history of the gift certificates or a usage history of the gift certificates, covered by one or more claims of the '864 Patent to the injury of Coqui. Defendant is directly infringing, literally infringing, and/or infringing the '864 Patent under the doctrine of equivalents. Defendant is thus liable for infringement of the '864 Patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271.

8. On information and belief, to the extent any marking was required by 35 U.S.C. § 287, all predecessors in interest to the '864 Patent complied with any such requirements.

9. As a result of Defendant's infringement of the '864 Patent, Plaintiff has suffered monetary damages and is entitled to a money judgment in an amount adequate to compensate for Defendant's infringement, but in no event less than a reasonable royalty for the use made of the invention by Defendant, together with interest and costs as fixed by the court, and Plaintiff will

continue to suffer damages in the future unless Defendant's infringing activities are enjoined by this Court.

10. Unless a permanent injunction is issued enjoining Defendant and its agents, servants, employees, representatives, affiliates, and all others acting on in active concert therewith from infringing the '864 Patent, Plaintiff will be greatly and irreparably harmed.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter:

1. A judgment in favor of Plaintiff that Defendant has infringed the '864 Patent;
2. A permanent injunction enjoining Defendant and its officers, directors, agents servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, parents, and all others acting in active concert therewith from infringement, inducing the infringement of, or contributing to the infringement of the '864 Patent, or such other equitable relief the Court determines is warranted;
3. A judgment and order requiring Defendant pay to Plaintiff its damages, costs, expenses, and prejudgment and post-judgment interest for Defendant's infringement of the '864 Patent as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 284, and an accounting of ongoing post-judgment infringement; and
4. Any and all other relief, at law or equity, to which Plaintiff may show itself to be entitled.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Coqui, under Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requests a trial by jury of any issues so triable by right.

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Respectfully submitted,

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